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SUBJECT: SAHARA SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT

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1. REPRESENTATIVES FROM OAU STATES BEARING SPECIAL MESSAGES TO MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH FROM THEIR PRESIDENTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE NOUAKCHOTT. SINCE AUGUST 19TH VISIT OF GABONESE AND ZAMBIAN REPRESENTATIVES (REF A), OFFICIAL VISITS TO NOUAKCHOTT HAVE INCLUDED: (A) AUGUST 25-26 VISIT ANDRE DIENDONUI MAGALE, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CAE EMPEROR BOKASSA I, (B) AUGUST 29-30 VISIT SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK, AND (C) SEPTEMBER 6TH VISIT M. ADOUKI, DIPLOMATIC AND JUDICIAL COUNSELOR OF CONGOLESE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND SPECIAL ENOVY OF PRESLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IDENT YOMBI OPANGO. GOVERNMENT SPONSORED NEWSPAPER GAVE HEADLINE PRESS COVERAGE TO THESE VISITS WITH EMPHASIS UPON DISCUSSIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AS REGARDS AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

2. MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT SENT DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR ISLAMIC AFFAIRS AND PARTY SECRETARIAT, ABDALLAHI OULD BOYE, TO TRIPOLI TO REPRESENT MUIRITANIA AT SEPTEMBER 1 FESTIVI-

TIES MARKING 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON HIS RETURN SEPTEBMER 4, OULD BOYE REPORTED HE HAD PERSONNALY DELIVERED LETTER SIOM PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH TO HIS BROTHER COL. QADHAAFI AND BROUGHT BACK COLONEL'S WARM GREETINGS. MINISTER DECLARED HE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS "SITUATION IN ARAB REGION AND ON AFRICAN CONTINENT" AS WELL AS BI-LATERAL RELATIONS, REPORTED QADHAAFI AND "EXPRESSED HIS DETERMINATION TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IN THE DIFFERENT DOMAINS."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NEWS REPORTS ON ABOVE VISITS MADE NO MENTION OF SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT ON WESTERN SAHARA, ISSUE WAS MOST CERTAINLY DISCUSSED. GIRM IS CLEARLY KEEPING ITS CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO OAU MEMBER STATES OPEN AND LOBBYING FOR GIRM POSITION. GIRM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICER WHO ACTED AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR ZAMBIAN MINISTER LUANDA'(.8\$-AUGUST VISIT TOLD EMBOFF THAT ZAMBIAN DELEGATION OFFICIALS HAD INDICATED THAT WHILE ZAMBIA HAD OFFERED IN LIBREVILLE TO HOST SPECIAL SUMMIT, IT HAD DONE SO WITH EXPECTATION THAT PROJECTED SUMMIT WOULD NEVER OCCUR. HANDYSIDE

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